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Art Unit: 1646

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/710,059, filed November 10, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/688,017, filed October 13, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/570,118, filed May 12, 2000. This application further claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/196,460, filed April 11, 2000; 60/196,528, filed April 11, 2000; 60/196,527, filed April 11, 2000; 60/196,267, filed April 11, 2000; 60/182,296, filed February 14, 2000; 60/176,195 filed January 14, 2000; and 60/170,453, filed December 13, 1999. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/570,364, filed May 12, 2000, a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/569,525, filed May 12, 2000, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/547,276, filed April 11, 2000, which claims the benefit of the following U.S. provisional applications: 60/162,498, filed October 29, 1999; 60/160,860, filed October 21, 1999; 60/134,118, filed May 14, 1999; 60/134,117, filed May 14, 1999; and 60/134,114 filed May 14, 1999; the disclosures each of which are incorporated herein in their entirety.--